

The A. F. of L. Weekly News Service gives a brief summary of important matters occurring in the industrial, legislative and judicial fields, and such other information that may be of interest to the trade union movement.

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## AMERICA ONLY NATION BASED ON PEOPLE'S RULE

Men make a historic error when they link up American political and legal institutions with those of Europe. One could as well compare Mussolini with Abraham Lincoln.

In America all power comes from the people; in Europe from the king. In Europe the people are struggling to reach the point from where Americans started, following their Revolution. Europe is essentially monarchial. England, for centuries, has been whittling the royal prerogative as expressed, "King, by the Grace of God."

England has endeavored, since William the Conqueror, to make all subjects equal before the law, with the king, in principle, as the fountain head of law.

America's political philosophy is that all power is invested in the citizen; that the state has very little power except what the federal government has only which power is as definitely granted to it. All other power is retained by the people or states.

## BOSSSES OFTEN IGNORE CLERGY'S SOUND VIEWS

Chicago, April 28.—"Business men who perpetually warn clergymen out of the sacred area known as 'business' do not know everything about business," said Rev. Arthur E. Holt, pastor of the Chicago Church Federation Bulletin.

"I was pastor for five years in a town around two smelters and one big steel plant," said Mr. Holt. "I knew something about those mills which the business men in New York do not know. I knew the social effects of the work and wage policy because I saw them. I saw the free time and the surplus income of my people."

"I knew the way modern business registered in the modern world. I saw the ruthlessness of the speculation in industrial stocks. I saw the helplessness of the man who was caught between local necessities, based on human nature, and the necessities based on the need to pay dividends on a capitalization which had much of fictitious value. I saw the manager said to me: 'Give us a decent capitalization of the business, and we will divide and do justice to the legitimate needs of the workers.' I had my church men who were working from 6 o'clock to 6, who never saw daylight at home and who were justified in supporting a cause for a more stable industry and a better distribution of the surplus income. I was justified in supporting a cause for a more stable industry and a better distribution of the surplus income. I was justified in supporting a cause for a more stable industry and a better distribution of the surplus income."

## YOUNG CHURCH WOMEN OPPOSE CHILD LABOR

Sacramento, Calif., April 28.—The national convention of the Young Women's Christian Association in Chicago, which opened today, adopted a resolution opposing the Federal Child Labor Amendment to the constitution.

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## WOMAN-LABOR CAUSE IS SHEER NECESSITY

Washington, April 28.—"Married women enter industry through necessity," said Mrs. Mary Anderson, executive of the United States Women's Bureau, in a speech before the House Committee on Education and Labor.

"Very few women," said Mrs. Anderson, "would choose to enter industry for the pleasure of doing it—to spend from eight to 15 hours a day on a machine or in a factory, or to work at a desk, and then go home to another stretch of labor, and then consume time which should be free for rest and recreation. The women suffer as well as the men."

## EXTORTION IS POSTMASTER

New Haven, Conn., April 28.—John T. Wood, former president of the National Brotherhood of Woodmen, has been appointed local postmaster.

## VANCOUVER PAINTERS OUT

Vancouver, B. C., April 28.—The painters are on strike to enforce an 88 wage scale. They made every effort to make the strike as effective as possible.

## Company "Union" Is Exposed; Would Fetch \$265,000 Yearly

Houston, Texas, April 28.—Federal District Judge Hutchison has made permanent his injunction against the Texas & New Orleans railroad (subsidiary of the Southern Pacific) from interfering with the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, affiliated to the A. F. of L.

The court refused to dissolve contempt proceedings against the company because of the company's charge with violating the temporary order.

Judge Hutchison quoted a letter written by H. M. Lull, executive vice president of the Texas & New Orleans line to President McDonald, dated May 1, 1927, in which Lull frankly stated that the company "union" would save thousands of dollars to the management.

## TREACHERY EXPOSED

The United Mine Workers have met the flank attack of coal owners' allies by calling on local unions to enforce their constitution and to oppose their various activities.

Henceforth they must work outside the union and furnish their own aid.

The Reds revived the ancient trick of attacking the union's financial support, while pleading their love for workers who elect these officials.

The miners are on strike for more than a year. They again prove they are made of stern stuff by scorning those who have a double tongue.

The Communists are committing treason to workers who have suffered to maintain a living wage and the right to union.

The Reds' "Save-the-Union" movement is the last word in shamelessness. Only purchasable would start an internal war among workers who are battling against entrenched greed.

The Communists will now plead for the sympathy of gingerbread liberals who have not the slightest notion what the struggle is all about.

But every man who despises the sneak will applaud the miners for smoking out the borsers.

The Communists' journeys to paymasters of anti-union coal owners may be less frequent since their treachery is exposed.

## ENFORCING ANTI-TRUST LAWS

A group of candy manufacturers have promised the Federal Trade Commission they will obey the anti-trust laws. The manufacturers are withheld.

The commission adopted usual policy when business men are charged with bribery, trickery, refusing to sell to certain retailers or stealing competitors' trade secrets.

The commission investigates and if ground for action is found the business men are cited to appear and arguments are rehearsed without publicity. If the defendants are dissatisfied with the award they can appeal clear up to the United States Supreme Court.

In any case is a fundamental guarantee of the business men's rights. Their offenses are violations of statutory law or common law, if no anti-trust law exists.

When workers are charged with violating the anti-trust laws a different procedure is followed.

On the word of an employer strikers are enjoined from doing a thing that would be legal if no strike exists.

On the word of the same employer they are ordered to appear before the court. They are publicly branded as doing a thing that is illegal and are assumed to be guilty and must prove their innocence.

## PAUPER WAGE PAID IN SOUTHEAST AREA

Washington, April 28.—A wage of 15 cents an hour in the Southeastern area is paid to unskilled labor in South Atlantic States, where it might be possible for the laborer to support a family. The wage is paid to unskilled labor in South Atlantic States, where it might be possible for the laborer to support a family.

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## CONVICT LABOR PLAN DEFENDED BY SENATOR

Washington, April 28.—Senator Hawes quoted state prison officials who refute the claim that passage of the Hawes-Cooper convict labor bill will be a "leap in the dark."

This statement was made in a leading editorial published in the New Haven Journal-Courier.

"Connecticut," said Senator Hawes, "is one of those States where prisoners are employed in manufacturing products which are sent out unbranded in ruinous competition with the products of free capital and free labor."

The Hawes-Cooper bill is opposed by prison labor contractors. The measure would remove the interstate character from prison-made commodities. It would make it possible for the State to apply these goods as material to apply their convict labor laws.

## RUS LINES REGULATION URGED BY FEDERAL BOARD

Washington, April 28.—Federal regulation of interstate motor bus operation on substantially the same scale as that of the railroads is recommended to Congress by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The recommendation is along lines contained in a bill introduced by Congressman Tamm and accepted by the railroads. The carriers object to the bill.

The carriers do not include at this time regulation of interstate motor trucking lines which handle freight and express.

## 1,874,050-IDLE ESTIMATE NOT TRUE: SEVERAL FACTORS ARE OMITTED

Washington, April 28.—"There is no justification for the claim that there are but 1,874,050 unemployed in this country," said Senator Wagner in a Senate speech. He placed the unemployed figure at approximately 4,000,000.

"Mr. Stewart (Commissioner of Labor Statistics) is too good a statistician and is too well aware of the difficulties of making an unemployment estimate to give us such a figure," said Senator Wagner.

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Bulletin, Federal Council of Churches.

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## MINERS OUST COMMUNISTS; BORERS FORCED INTO OPEN

Washington, April 28.—Local unions of the United Mine Workers of America are called upon by the International Executive Board of that organization to enforce the constitution which provides for expulsion of persons who hold office in a dual organization. The board made this decision at a meeting in this city.

The "Save-the-Union" Committee and the Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief Committee are denounced as Communist organizations.

The four units of this conspiracy, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, are the so-called "Save-the-Union" Committee, the Pennsylvania-Ohio Relief Committee, the International Executive Board, and the Workers' (Communist) Party group.

These four units are working together. They are controlled by Communist influence and, we believe, are instigated by Communist influence and, we believe, are instigated by Communist influence.

## STAND PAT Crowd Reject Logic; "Slander Opponents" Is Policy

Washington, April 28.—Don't argue with a candidate for office who inclines toward government ownership of natural resources, just call him Bolshevik.

That is the formula to be used against all candidates, regardless of their patriotism, was disclosed in Federal Trade Commission evidence in the investigation of public utilities, ordered by the Senate.

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He who fears criticism is hopeless.—Aen.

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